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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Our engineering firm is a long standing customer of Sonic, a local competitive provider of internet service. This is a critical service to our firm for e-mail and phone communications, accounting and electronic document storage applications and research. Our service is provided over Sonic's fiber optic network, which AT&T or Comcast cannot match - in either performance, price or attention to customer service.

Local broadband providers are a critical resource for communities like ours because they provide excellent service in stark contrast to the poor service and higher prices offered by AT&T and Comcast. These big regional service providers continually raise prices, yet fail to respond to service calls related to maintenance of overhead lines in rural areas.

Please do not allow deregulation to eliminate competition in this critical arena. Thank you.

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